

This is yet another example of heavy-handed tactics designed to limit consumer choice and freedoms. The software industry tried it in the 80's and finally realized that it was a mistake. The music industry is now dabbling in the same area with selected CDs, and listeners are avoiding the copy-protected CDs that are out there.

Consumers loathe this callous and fascist approach to content control. So do I; it's wrong. At least with software and music, we have the opportunity to vote with our wallets. That's exactly what we did with software and that's just what's happening right now with music. The FCC's proposition to mandate copy-protection in all equipment that deals with broadcast television is different, however: It eliminates the possibility of democracy. How can you vote with your wallet if it's illegal to buy an alternative?

Don't let the entertainment industry (and other copyright owners) bully the populace! Don't submit your autonomy to groups that don't have your interests at heart! Just SAY NO to bad legislation.